

**Abstract**

A call waiting indicator comprises a tone detector which is provided in a computer which has a telephony connection. The tone detector receives an input from the telephony connection and identifies or determines a signal which is indicative of a waiting call. An alert generator connected to the tone detector is configured to alert the user of the computer via an output device of the computer that a call waiting signal has been detected. In this way, a user can be connected to the Internet yet still receive a visual or aural alert of the existence of a waiting call. The waiting call can then be taken via a handset, fax machine or via telephony software on the computer.

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